

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of April 16, 2023

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to “break the ice” and get people talking)

- Did you have an “arch nemesis” in school? Tell us about a fight you had.
- In thinking about temptation, what sweet treat is most tempting to you?
- Read I John 2:16. Talk about the three main temptations that we face. Give practical examples of how you have faced each of them.
- Read Matthew 4:1-3. Jesus was tempted when he was vulnerable. What are times that find ourselves vulnerable? Times of day? Days of the year? Around certain people? Specific topics? Certain places?
- Read Matthew 4:5-7. This temptation questioned truth. What are truths that are often attacked in our minds?
- Read Matthew 4:8-11. This temptation was offering Jesus a shortcut to things that He was going to have eventually. It promised fast, easy fulfillment. What are some temptations we face that promise us faster, easier fulfillment than what God offers?
- In each temptation, Satan challenged Jesus to use his abilities, will, and resources for his own benefit, instead of simply trusting in the Father’s plan and timing. Where are you currently being tempted to use your abilities, will, and resources to achieve your desired ends without trusting in God’s plan and timing?
- Which of the three areas of temptation are more apparent in your life right now? How are you seeing it play out?
- Can Matthew 6:13 help us in our battle with temptation? How so?
- Take some time to pray together.

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